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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE NO. 3 ISSUED BY EIGHT CIVILIAN PRESIDENTIAL SLATES AFTER MEETING OF AUGUST 12:

QUOTE CONSIDERING THAT ON AUGUST 12, 1967, THE PRESIDENTIAL SLATES RECEIVED AN URGENT LETTER DATED AUGUST 11, 1967, FROM THE SPECIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATION, IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY WITH GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION:

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CONSIDERING THAT ALTHOUGH THIS LETTER DOES NOT RESPOND SATISFACTORILY TO THE POINTS RAISED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL SLATES IN THEIR LETTER SENT TO THE CHAIRMEN (OF THE NATIONAL

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LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) ON AUGUST 8, 1967, IN THE PRESENT STATE OF THE NATION PROGRESS TOWARDS A POPULARLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO STABILIZATION OF THE SITUATION:

THE UNDERSIGNED LISTS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVE:

1. TO CONTINUE ALL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY THE JOINT PUBLIC TALKS ORGANIZED FOR ALL THE SLATES.

2. TO SOLEMNLY PROCLAIM TO OUR VOTER COMPATRIOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THAT, IF LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY CONVENED VOTERS AND THE CANDIDATES HAVE NOT YET MET THEM AS PLANNED, THE BLAME RESTS COMPLETELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT. DESPITE THIS OUR LISTS ALSO RESPECTFULLY WISH TO ASK THE PROFOUND PARDON OF OUR COMPATRIOTS. SAIGON, AUGUST 12, 1967. (SIGNED) PHAN QUANG DAN, HA THUC KY, TRUONG DINH DZU, TRAN VAN HUONG, TRAN VAN LY, PHAM THANH MAI (REPRESENTATIVE), VU HONG KHANH, NGUYEN DINH QUAT. UNQUOTE

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